

Bristol, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1844

My dear Sir.

In a box of wonderful contents  
(which have been exhibited at my house  
previously to their transmission to  
Boston) I have put 12 little papers,  
each containing a pentameter, (6 of them  
a lock.) of the hair of the late Ram-  
mer Roy.

I am however, utterly ignorant as  
to the probability of their being so valued  
by any persons <sup>in America</sup> as to be saleable. <sup>for</sup>

Here they would be much prized. Should  
the managers of the Fair consider  
them not likely to excite any inter-  
est, my daughter has requested  
Mrs. Chapman to whom she is  
writing, to let you have them. I



take this liberty, under the belief that  
you would not refuse me the kindness  
of taking charge of them, so as to re-  
turn them to me by some conve-  
nient opportunity; begging you how-  
ever to retain any that you, or  
your friends, would like to keep.

That this hair actually was that  
of the Great Hindu Reformer, you  
need feel no doubt. I attended him  
thru' his lamented & fatal illness,  
cut off some of his hair which has  
never been out of my possession till  
excepting while in the hands of the  
lady who kindly tied it up into little  
bunches.

The credit of getting up the offering  
from this place to the Anti-Slavery  
Fair is due to Mr. James: he found



However such ready agents in this  
good work that had the matter been  
more generally known, the ~~same~~  
number of articles sent would have  
been greatly increased. We daily  
hear of regrets that the contribution  
to your cause was not known  
sooner.

We shall be much interested,  
and you may be much benefited  
on another occasion, by our knowing  
how the articles we send, sell, — &  
what are the most valuable! Any  
accounts of the Fair that may be  
published after, will be very ac-  
ceptable, and we can dispense them  
so as to produce considerable  
interest when there is to be another  
Fair — "Bazaar", we should call it.

Your letters to Mr. Cornsbury are  
read with great pleasure by various



friends. I am delighted by your recollection  
of myself.

I fell in with some mutual friends  
(unless I am in error as to your identity)  
in the summer, Mr. & Mrs. Lewellyn  
of Gris Penllwch near Neath.  
where I was staying for 10 days, and  
while in attendance upon a old blind  
lady at Mrs. L's mother's, upon  
whom I was called to operate for  
the cure of Cataracts. Mrs. L.  
her sister would work for the Fair  
on a future occasion.

Our laymen do not think our  
ministerial papas have been very  
civilly treated as to the notice of their  
anti-slavery address. I suppose it  
was unpalatable food, & not easy of  
digestion? My daughter joins me in  
kind remembrance to yourself &  
brother - from Ohio Yours truly  
J. W. Estlin

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